



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2022-0701]

National Chemical Transportation Safety Advisory Committee; November 2022 Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Chemical Transportation Safety Advisory Committee (Committee) will conduct a series of meetings over 3 days in Houston, TX, to discuss matters relating to the safe and secure marine transportation of hazardous materials. The subcommittee meetings will also be available by videoconference for those unable to attend in person, however the full committee meeting will be held in person only. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES:

Meetings: National Chemical Transportation Safety Advisory Committee subcommittees will meet on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, and Wednesday, November 2, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) each day. The full Committee will meet on Thursday, November 3, 2022, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. CDT. Please note these meetings may close early if the Committee has completed its business.

Comments and supporting documents: To ensure your comments are reviewed by Committee members before the meeting, submit your written comments no later than October 18, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Texas City, 3101 FM 2004, Texas City, TX 77591.

Pre-registration Information: Pre-registration is required for in-person access to the meeting or to attend the subcommittee meetings by videoconference. Public attendees will be required to pre-register no later than noon CDT on October 18, 2022, to be admitted to the meeting. In-person attendance may be capped due to limited space in the meeting venue, and registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis. To pre-register, contact Lieutenant Ethan Beard at Ethan.T.Beard@uscg.mil. You will be asked to provide your name, telephone number, email, company or group with which you are affiliated, and whether you wish to attend virtually or in person; if a foreign national, also provide your country of citizenship, passport country, country of residence, place of birth, passport number, and passport expiration date.

Attendees at the meetings will be required to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines promulgated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which may include the need to wear masks. CDC guidance on COVID protocols can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance.html>.

The National Chemical Transportation Safety Advisory Committee is committed to ensuring all participants have equal access regardless of disability status. If you require reasonable accommodation due to a disability to fully participate, please email Lieutenant Ethan Beard at Ethan.T.Beard@uscg.mil or call at 202-372-1419 as soon as possible.

Instructions: You are free to submit comments at any time, including orally at the meeting as time permits, but if you want Committee members to review your comment before the meeting, please submit your comments no later than October 18, 2022. We are particularly interested in comments on the issues in the “Agenda” section below. We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If your material cannot be submitted using <https://www.regulations.gov>, contact the individual in the **FOR FURTHER**

INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document for alternate instructions. You must include the docket number [USCG-2022-0701]. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You may wish to review the Privacy and Security Notice found via a link on the homepage of <https://www.regulations.gov>. For more about the privacy and submissions in response to this document, see DHS's eRulemaking System of Records notice (85 FR 14226, March 11, 2020). If you encounter technical difficulties with comment submission, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Docket Search: Documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, and all public comments, will be in our online docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> and can be viewed by following that website's instructions. Additionally, if you go to the online docket and sign-up for email alerts, you will be notified when comments are posted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Ethan T. Beard, Alternate Designated Federal Officer of the National Chemical Transportation Safety Advisory Committee, telephone 202-372-1419, or email Ethan.T.Beard@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of the meeting of the National Chemical Transportation Safety Advisory Committee is in compliance with the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, (5 U.S.C. appendix). The Committee is authorized by section 601 of the *Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018* (Public Law 115-282, 132 Stat. 4192) and is codified in 46 U.S.C. 15101. The Committee operates under the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (5 U.S.C. appendix) and 46 U.S.C. 15109. The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters related to the safe and secure marine transportation of hazardous materials.

Agenda

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Three subcommittees will meet separately to discuss the following task statements:

- (1) Task Statement 22-01: Recommendations to Support Reductions to Emissions and Environmental Impacts Associated with Marine Transport of Chemicals, Liquefied Gases and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).
- (2) Task Statement 22-02: Recommendations on Industry Best Practices and Regulatory Updates Related to the Maritime Transportation of Lithium Batteries.
- (3) Task Statement 22-03: Recommendations on Testing Requirements for Anti-Flashback Burners for Vapor Control Systems.

The task statements and other subcommittee information are located at Homeport at the following address: [https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/federal-advisory-committees/national-chemical-transportation-safety-advisory-committee-\(nctsac\)/task-statements](https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/federal-advisory-committees/national-chemical-transportation-safety-advisory-committee-(nctsac)/task-statements). The agenda for the discussion of each task statement will include the following:

- (1) Introduction and review subcommittee task statement.
- (2) Public comment period
- (3) Subcommittee discussion and preparation of any proposed recommendations for the NCTSAC meeting on November 3, 2022.
- (4) Adjournment of meeting.

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

The subcommittee meeting will separately address Task Statement 21-01:

Recommendations on Loading Limits of Gas Carriers and U.S. Coast Guard Supplement to International Hazardous Zone Requirements. The task statement and other subcommittee information is located at Homeport at the following address:

<https://homeport.uscg.mil/missions/federal-advisory-committees/national-chemical->

transportation-safety-advisory-committee-(nctsac)/task-statements. The agenda for the discussion will include the following:

- (1) Introduction and review subcommittee task statement.
- (2) Public comment period
- (3) Subcommittee discussion and preparation of any proposed recommendations for the NCTSAC meeting on November 3, 2022.
- (4) Adjournment of meeting.

Thursday, November 3, 2022

The agenda for the National Chemical Transportation Safety Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2022 is as follows:

- (1) Call to order.
- (2) Roll call and determination of quorum.
- (3) Acceptance of June 9, 2022 meeting minutes and status of task items.
- (4) Remarks from U.S. Coast Guard leadership.
- (5) Chairman and Designated Federal Officer's remarks.
- (6) Committee will review, discuss, and formulate recommendations on the following items:
 - a. Task Statement 21-01: Recommendations on Loading Limits of Gas Carriers and U.S. Coast Guard Supplement to International Hazardous Zone Requirements;
 - b. Task Statement 22-01: Recommendations to Support Reductions to Emissions and Environmental Impacts Associated with Marine Transport of Chemicals, Liquefied Gases and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG);

- c. Task Statement 22-02: Recommendations on Industry Best Practices and Regulatory Updates Related to the Maritime Transportation of Lithium Batteries;
- d. Task Statement 22-03: Recommendations on Testing Requirements for Anti-Flashback Burners for Vapor Control Systems.

(7) Subcommittee recommendation discussion.

(8) Final public comment period.

(9) Set next meeting date and location.

(10) Adjournment of meeting.

A copy of all meeting documentation will be available at:

[https://homeporttr.uscg.mil/missions/federal-advisory-committees/national-chemical-transportation-safety-advisory-committee-\(nctsac\)/committee-meetings](https://homeporttr.uscg.mil/missions/federal-advisory-committees/national-chemical-transportation-safety-advisory-committee-(nctsac)/committee-meetings) no later than

October 25, 2022. Alternatively, you may contact Lieutenant Ethan Beard as noted in the

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section above.

Public comments or questions will be taken throughout the meetings as the Committee discusses the issues and prior to deliberations and voting. There will be a final public comment period at the end of meetings. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to 2 minutes. Contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above, to register as a speaker.

Dated: October 7, 2022.

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